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"It is time for you to face a great challenge."

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THE BREATH OF TIME.

AFTER CORNELIA ACTIVATES THE HOURGLASS AND LEAVES IT ON ORUBE'S TABLE, THE GUARDIANS CAN MOVE IN A TIMELESS STATE.

HOW LONG THEY STAY IN OTHER WORLDS IS OF NO IMPORTANCE.

THEIR ABSENCE IN HEATHERFIELD WILL LAST BUT A MOMENT.

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BUT THE BREATH OF TIME IS A GIFT...

MORE PRECISELY, IT IS A GIFT FROM AN EVIL BEING! AND AS SUCH...

WHAM

WHAT'S GOING ON?

...IT IS UNABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTIONS OF THOSE WHO DEFEND GOOD.

IT CAN'T BE!

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LOOKS LIKE ITS MAGIC HAS DISAPPEARED!

IF THE GIRLS CAN'T MOVE OUTSIDE OF TIME, PEOPLE WILL SOON NOTICE THEY'RE GONE!

I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO REACTIVATE IT!

ALL THAT SEEMS TO BE LEFT WITHIN THE HOURGLASS IS ORDINARY SAND...

LIKE THE SAND IN MATT'S HANDS.

WHY AREN'T YOU ANSWERING YOUR PHONE, WILL?

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HEY, MATT! CHECK OUT THOSE WAVES!

UH-HUH...

WHY THE LONG FACE? WHAT'S WRONG, MAN?

I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET WILL... BUT SHE DIDN'T SHOW UP.

SHE DIDN'T CALL TO CANCEL AND I CAN'T REACH HER ON HER CELL PHONE.

SO THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GRAB A BOARD AND GO SURFING WITH ME!

ANOTHER TIME, MAYBE.

AWW, COME ON!

IF SHE DIDN'T TURN UP, SHE MUST HAVE A REALLY **GOOD REASON!**

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT!

IF ONLY PETER KNEW ALL THE RISKS THAT WILL AND TARANEE GET INTO!

I'VE GOT TO BE OPTIMISTIC! MAYBE SHE'S JUST AT HOME.

I'VE GOT A NAGGING FEELING I FORGOT TO DO SOMETHING!

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BUT WHAT IF SHE WAS AT THE MERCY OF MR. I-**WANT-THE-HEART-OF-KANDRAKAR?**

WOOSH!!

DARN IT! I'VE **GOT TO FIND OUT** WHERE SHE IS!

WILL IS IN KANDRAKAR, IN THE TOWER OF MISTS.* SHE'S JUST RETURNED THE CROWN OF LIGHT TO...

ELYON!

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HOW ARE YOU?

I COULDN'T BE BETTER!

WILL, DON'T KEEP HER ALL TO YOURSELF!

AT LAST...

I'M STARTING TO FEEL ALL THE POWER OF MERIDIAN!

I WANT TO HUG HER, TOO!

WAIT!

*AS THOSE WHO'VE READ W.I.T.C.H. #45 UNDERSTAND.

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WHAT'S WRONG?

AAAHH!

KZZSTAANG

FZZSFANG

AND NOW IT'S MINE!

NOOO!

BLAST YOU, CEDRIC! I KNOW IT'S YOU...

MMMPH...

FWP

BEING A **SHAPE-SHIFTER** HAS ITS **ADVANTAGES!***

FZZZZ

AND THE ELEMENT OF **SURPRISE** IS ONE OF THEM!

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, BUT I CAN'T STAY AROUND TO ENJOY YOUR **DEFEAT!** I'VE GOT OTHER **TASKS** TO ACCOMPLISH!

FRRSH

NEVERTHELESS, I'M LEAVING YOU IN *GOOD COMPANY!*

FAREWELL, GUARDIANS! THE CROWN OF LIGHT WILL TAKE ME TO THE FORTRESS...

SHZZZZ

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*AS IT IS KNOWN BY THOSE WHO'VE READ W.I.T.C.H. SINCE ITS VERY FIRST ISSUES.

"...TO SETTLE SOME OLD ACCOUNTS!"

SHHZZ

TODAY, MORE THAN EVER, DANGER LOOMS OVER KANDRAKAR.

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TODAY, MORE THAN EVER, THE FORTRESS IS IN NEED OF ITS GUARDIANS.

TODAY IS ALSO THE DAY WHEREIN ENDARNO, THAT IS, PHOBOS, WILL RECEIVE **FULL POWERS AS ORACLE.**

ABSOLUTELY NOT! THE INITIATION CEREMONY WILL NOT BE POSTPONED!

BUT, YOUR **LUMINOUSNESS!** KANDRAKAR IS UNDER ATTACK, AND...

THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR THAT!

HALT!!! WHO DARES BURST INTO MY CHAMBERS WITHOUT...

ENOUGH! THE COUNCIL CANNOT BOW BEFORE A TRAITOR AND HIS ACCOMPLICES!

I'M CERTAIN THAT THE **FUTURE ORACLE** WILL GRANT ME A MOMENT OF HIS ATTENTION! I BRING GOOD NEWS.

THE **FUGITIVE** HAS BEEN RECAPTURED AND THE SITUATION IS UNDER CONTROL!

EXCELLENT.

I'M PLEASED TO SEE THAT YOU'RE ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE ONCE AGAIN, HONORABLE **YAN LIN!**

VAAL, PROCEED WITH THE CEREMONY!

YES, SIRE!

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I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!

ONE LAST THING, SIRE...

SAVE ME YOUR LITTLE SHAPE-SHIFTING GAMES, CEDRIC! I KNEW IT WAS YOU!

HA! HA! HA!

IT APPEARS THAT NOT ONLY HAVE YOU **BETRAYED** ME, BUT YOU'VE UNDERESTIMATED ME AS WELL!

THE CROWN OF LIGHT!!!

AND SO IT IS. I'VE TAKEN IT FROM ELYON AND I'VE DEFEATED THE GUARDIANS, HIMERISH, AND YAN LIN!

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AND WHAT DO YOU WANT NOW?

I HAVE THE OBJECT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED AND I KNOW YOUR SECRET.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE COUNCIL DISCOVERED WHO YOU REALLY ARE?

YOU WANT TO REVEAL MY IDENTITY NOW THAT WE COULD **SHARE** THE POWER OF KANDRAKAR?

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DON'T INSULT ME WITH FALSE OFFERS. YOU **SHARE** POWER WITH NO ONE.

I'LL ASK YOU ONCE AGAIN, CEDRIC. WHAT-DO-YOU-WANT?

TO BE RID OF YOU!

DON'T YOU DARE CHALLENGE ME, YOU SNAKE!

I DON'T WANT TO CHALLENGE YOU, BUT TO GIVE YOU YAN LIN'S SUPPORT!

I'LL TAKE ON HER APPEARANCE AND WILL PRESIDE AT THE INITIATION CEREMONY.

IN EXCHANGE FOR WHAT?

JUST ONE THING.

I WANT MERIDIAN!

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THE WORDS ECHO THROUGH PHOBOS'S MIND, CONJURING UP DISTANT MEMORIES...

THE KINGDOM IN WHICH HE WAS BORN, THE LAND WHERE HE WAS RAISED... NOW JUST FADED RECOLLECTIONS.

OOOOH!

MERIDIAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN HIS!

M-MINE!

NO, PHOBOS.

PAT

MERIDIAN IS TO BE YOUR SISTER'S, AS THE LAWS OF THIS LAND COMMAND. THE CROWN IS HERS.

MERIDIAN IS MINE!

"OR PERHAPS IT IS NOT MY DESTINY?"

"AFTER ALL, MY LAND IS BUT A SMALL PART OF THE INFINITE WORLDS PLACED UNDER THE CONTROL OF KANDRAKAR."

SO BE IT... MERIDIAN IS YOURS.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR SECRET WILL BE REVEALED IF YOU ATTEMPT TO BETRAY ME AGAIN.

IT WON'T HAPPEN, BUT I NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME.

ARE YOU TRYING TO GIVE ME AN **ORDER?**

NO, I'M ASKING YOU A **FAVOR.**

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FIRST I WANT THE KEEPER OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR.

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"AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

NNNF!

MAN, DID THAT HURT! IS EVERYBODY STILL IN ONE PIECE?

WHAT ARE BINDING OUR WRISTS?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY SURE DO STING!

GRANDMA!

WHY ISN'T SHE WAKING UP? SHE'S JUST GOTTEN OUT OF THE COSMOS OF ABEYANCE AND...

YOUR GRANDMOTHER IS MUCH STRONGER THAN YOU THINK, HAY LIN.

GRANDMA...

WE'VE GOT TO GET THESE THINGS OFF OF US.

NO. WILL!

AAAH!

LISTEN TO ME, GUARDIANS. THIS CELL THRIVES ON OUR ENERGIES...

...IF WE TRY TO RESIST IT, WE WILL BE DRAINED AT ONCE. AND FOR KANDRAKAR, IT WILL BE THE END.

SO ALLOW THE CELL TO ABSORB YOUR POWERS! CONJURE THEM UP WITHIN YOURSELVES AND...

...CAST THEM INTO THE CELL WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!

COME ON, GUYS! ALL TOGETHER!

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I HOPE HE KNOWS WHAT WE'RE DOING...

I CAN'T DO IT.

EVEN IF WHAT YOU SAY WORKS, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY GRANDMA?

YAN LIN IS UNCONSCIOUS AND THE CELL DOESN'T FEEL HER PRESENCE.

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THAT'S WHY HER WRISTS AREN'T BOUND, LIKE OURS.

BUT IF THE ENERGY WE LET OFF...

LET'S DO WHAT HE SAYS! POWERS OF EARTH!

HAVE FAITH, HAY LIN! MAKE YOUR HEART AS LIGHT AS YOUR ELEMENT!

YOU CAN DO IT!

AIR!

FIRE!

WATER!

HEART OF KANDRAKAR!

WOOSHH

FZZZZ

FZZZ

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IN THE CENTER OF INFINITY.

TRICKERY.

ON THIS DAY OF THE TWENTIETH WIND OF THE FOURTH ERA OF KANDRAKAR, A NEW DAWN AWAITS THE FORTRESS!

A NEW ORDER SHALL REIGN OVER THIS PLACE OF **PEACE!**

DECEPTION.

AMBITION.

WHEN ALL THE CANDLES HAVE BEEN LIT, ENDARNO WILL IMMERSE HIMSELF IN THE FOUNTAIN OF TRANQUILITY...

...AND **AT LAST** WE SHALL HAVE A NEW ORACLE!

AND WHEN PHOBOS HAS **FULL POWERS**, I WILL HAVE MERIDIAN!

IS THIS TO BE THE FATE OF KANDRAKAR?

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THE **REAL** YAN LIN OPENS HER EYES INSIDE THE TOWER OF MISTS.

GRANNY, ARE YOU OKAY?

UM... I'VE SEEN BETTER TIMES!

IT'S SO NICE TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AGAIN!

WE DID IT! WE'RE **INVINCIBLE!**

ARE YOU GIRLS ALL RIGHT?

BETTER THAN WE HAD HOPED!

THE KEEPER OF THE TOWER'S **ARMBAND** OPENS UP ALL OF THE CELLS. IT WILL HELP YOU FIND YOUR FRIEND. GIVE IT TO HIMERISH!

WHY? AREN'T YOU COMING WITH US?

IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO **FACE A GREAT CHALLENGE** AND I HAVE YET TO RECOVER.

I WOULD ONLY SLOW YOU GIRLS DOWN.

THEN I'LL STAY HERE WITH YOU!

I THINK I'M A BIT TOO OLD TO NEED A **BABYSITTER!**

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NOOO!

WILL WILL

I'M FALLING!

WILL WILL

BE BRAVE, WILL!

WILL!

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHY DID SHE DISAPPEAR? WHERE DID SHE GO?

IS IT BECAUSE OF WHAT WE DID?

NO. SOMEONE HAS TAKEN HER AWAY!

WE'VE GOT TO FIND HER, NOW!

FIRST WE NEED TO FIND ELYON AND THE REAL ENDARNO!

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IN ENDARNO'S PRIVATE CHAMBERS...

ACCEPT **DEFEAT**, GUARDIAN, AND GIVE ME THE HEART!

GO BACK TO LIVING A **NORMAL** LIFE. LEAVE THINGS THAT ARE TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO THOSE WHO CAN HANDLE THEM.

WE'VE ALREADY BEATEN YOU, PHOBOS!

YOU MIGHT HAVE TRAPPED ME, BUT THE OTHERS WILL MAKE YOU PAY FOR IT.

THE OTHERS ARE STILL PRISONERS IN THE TOWER. DO YOU WANT TO SHARE THEIR FATE AND SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WAITING FOR YOUR POWERS TO FADE AWAY TO NOTHING?

I'M NOT AFRAID!

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN I BECOME ORACLE! YOU'LL BE LOCKED UP IN A CELL **FOREVER!**

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!

PERHAPS YOU AREN'T... BUT WON'T THE OTHERS BE, WHEN THEY'RE UNABLE TO FIND YOU?

LOOK AT YOUR MOM'S CONCERN.

WHY DID I GIVE HER A CELL PHONE IF SHE'S ALWAYS GOT IT SWITCHED OFF?

WHY CAN'T SHE EVER SHOW UP ON TIME?

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MOM...

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME, WILL? CAN'T YOU SEE **HOW MUCH I SUFFER WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE...**

HOW WILL SHE FEEL WHEN YOU DISAPPEAR FOREVER?

YOU'RE LYING!

MY MOTHER CAN'T HAVE NOTICED I'M GONE. WE USED THE BREATH OF TIME!

FOOLISH GIRL!

AREN'T YOU FORGETTING THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE YOU THAT HOURGLASS?

IN HEATHERFIELD, EVERYONE HAS NOTICED YOUR ABSENCE!

HIMERISH IS WITH US. HE'LL FIND A WAY TO STOP YOU, AND IT'LL BE THE END FOR YOU! WE'RE GOING TO EXPOSE YOU, PHOBOS! YOU WON'T WIN!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WILL BE DEFEATED!

I WANT TO BE HONEST WITH YOU. THERE IS STILL A SMALL CHANCE THAT I COULD BE STOPPED.

BUT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SOMEONE SUCCEEDED IN DEFEATING ME?

SHAZ

AHHH!

NOOO!

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"OPEN YOUR EYES, GUARDIAN!"

"WELCOME TO YOUR **FUTURE!**"

UM... WOULD YOU WAIT HERE A MOMENT?

OF COURSE!

CORNELIA, WILL'S HERE... I THINK SHE WANTS TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR **GETTING INTO COLLEGE!**

UGH! SHE MUST'VE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE PARTY AND SHE'S COME TO **SCROUNGE AN INVITATION!**

I DON'T WANT TO SEE HER, ESPECIALLY NOT TODAY!

COME UP WITH AN EXCUSE AND **GET RID OF HER**, WOULD YOU?

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I'M SORRY. CORNELIA'S VERY BUSY WITH **HER FRIENDS.**

I JUST WANTED TO GIVE HER THIS.

I'M SORRY, WILL. MAYBE YOU SHOULD STOP BY SOME OTHER TIME.

THEN **YOU** GIVE IT TO HER, PLEASE...

"THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME YOU'LL HAVE ANY KIND OF CONTACT WITH THE OTHER GUARDIANS. THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED TO QUESTION YOUR DECISIONS."

"NOW YOU KNOW HOW YOUR FRIENDSHIP WILL END. THEY'LL REMAIN **UNITED**... YOU'LL BE LEFT ALL **ALONE!**"

"AND THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU."

CORNELIA DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME...

OH, MATT! WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT YOU?

WILL... I...

I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE!

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MY DAYS OF **SHARING THE BURDEN** OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR WITH YOU ARE OVER...

I WANT TO GO BACK TO LIVING THE LIFE OF A **NORMAL** BOY, WITH A **NORMAL** GIRLFRIEND!

BUT YOU USED TO SAY I WAS **SPECIAL**...

EXACTLY. **I USED TO.** BUT NOW I'M FED UP WITH BATTLES AND WORLDS TO SAVE... **I WANT MY LIFE BACK!**

IT'S OVER BETWEEN US!

"ARE YOU READY TO SUFFER, WILL? ARE YOU READY TO BE LEFT ALL **ALONE?**"

THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR WILL DESTROY EVERYTHING YOU HOLD DEAREST.

FREE YOURSELF FROM THIS BURDEN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

FWIZZ

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YOU CAN STILL SAVE YOUR FUTURE! YOU CAN BE **HAPPY** IF YOU GIVE UP YOUR ROLE IN KANDRAKAR!

I CAN'T DO THAT...

AND I DON'T WANT TO!

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YAN LIN HAS DEDICATED HER LIFE TO KANDRAKAR! SHE'S PROOF THAT EVERYTHING **WILL BE ALL RIGHT...**

HA! HA! BUT YOUR ROLE ISN'T THE SAME AS YAN LIN'S...

YOUR ROLE IS JUST LIKE **NERISSA'S!** AND YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL HOW THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR CORRUPTED HER!

I GRANTED YOU THE PRIVILEGE OF EXPERIENCING YOUR FUTURE. YOU HAVE NO CHOICE, GUARDIAN! **GIVE ME THE HEART!**

I...

MEANWHILE, IN HEATHERFIELD...

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COME ON, PICK UP...

MATT!

WILL ISN'T WITH YOU? WHERE ON EARTH IS SHE?

!

I'M REALLY SORRY! THIS MORNING WILL ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT SHE'D BE GOING TO A FRIEND'S HOUSE TO STUDY...

HER CELL PHONE BATTERY DIED AND SHE ASKED ME TO RELAY THE MESSAGE, BUT I'M SUCH AN IDIOT! I TOTALLY FORGOT...

IF YOU WERE WORRIED... **IT'S ALL MY FAULT!**

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BUT WHY DIDN'T **SHE** CALL ME FROM HER FRIEND'S HOUSE?

WELL... YOU KNOW HOW WILL IS...

SHE DOESN'T LIKE TO BE A BURDEN ON PEOPLE!

BUT SHE ASKED YOU A FAVOR! WASN'T THAT BEING A **BURDEN?**

WELL, NO...

I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP HER OUT!

IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN, YOU GUYS REMEMBER TO CALL ME!

DON'T WORRY! WE WILL!

MAN... I DIDN'T KNOW I COULD BE SUCH A LIAR!

BUT WHAT IF WILL DOESN'T COME BACK? WHAT WILL I TELL HER MOM?

End of Part One.

IN THE CENTER OF INFINITY, KANDRAKAR REMAINS OBLIVIOUS TO THE FACT THAT IT IS ON THE BRINK OF A TERRIBLE FATE.

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TAKING THE APPEARANCE OF YAN LIN, CEDRIC HAS ALREADY STARTED THE INITIATION CEREMONY.

WHEN ALL THE CANDLES ARE LIT, ENDARNO WILL BATHE IN THE FOUNTAIN OF TRANQUILITY TO GAIN TOTAL POWER.

IN THE TOWER OF MISTS, THE GUARDIANS AND HIMERISH GO INTO ANOTHER CELL IN A DESPERATE SEARCH FOR ELYON AND THE REAL ENDARNO.

WHAM

I DON'T THINK ELYON'S HERE.

WELL, SHE WAS HERE THE LAST TIME SHE ANSWERED MY TELEPATHIC MESSAGE. BUT NOW I DON'T HEAR HER ANYMORE!

ELYON!

WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO HER?

DON'T BREAK OFF YOUR TELEPATHIC CONTACT WITH HER! MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T GIVE IN!

LOOK!

BUT SHE HASN'T REPLIED FOR A LONG TIME NOW!

CONVINCE HER THAT SHE CAN DO IT!

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IF YOU WANT TO SAVE HER, YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE HER FIGHT!

ELYON... HANG IN THERE!

WE'RE HERE.

WE CAN STILL WIN, BUT ONLY IF YOU'RE WITH US.

MERIDIAN AND KANDRAKAR NEED YOU!

WE NEED YOU!

I'M GOING UP... WE'LL GET HER OUT OF THERE!

OKAY, GENIUS! HOW?

USE YOUR POWERS TO DESTROY THE CASE. WHEN IT OPENS, HAY LIN CAN CATCH ELYON.

AND BE QUICK!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HELP US?

I HAVE TO FIND THE REAL ENDARNO.

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DON'T WORRY, ELLIE! WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF THERE!

AT LEAST, I HOPE!

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BUT SIR... WHAT ABOUT WILL?

YOU'RE NOT ASKING US TO ABANDON HER, ARE YOU?

DO YOU TRUST HER?

YEAH.

OF COURSE WE DO...

YES!

EVEN THOUGH WE HAVEN'T TREATED HER THAT WAY LATELY...

THEN FREE ELYON AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE KEEPER OF THE HEART.

SHE HAS GREAT STRENGTH WITHIN HER.

COME ON, GIRLS! LET'S GET TO WORK!

ELYON, HAY LIN IS RIGHT THERE BESIDE YOU!

NOW!

SHA WAAA

WE'RE TRYING TO DESTROY THE CASE YOU'RE IN. WHATEVER HAPPENS, DON'T WORRY! WE'LL HELP YOU!

HANG IN THERE, ELYON... PLEASE! HANG IN THERE!

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"AND YOU, WILL, HOW MUCH LONGER CAN YOU BEAR IT?"

SO... DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT NOW?

WHETHER I WIN OR LOSE, VICTORY WILL NEVER BE YOURS.

YOUR ONLY HOPE IS TO GIVE ME THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR!

IN THAT CASE, I MIGHT EVEN BE QUITE **MAGNANIMOUS** TOWARDS YOU!

I CAN'T...

THEN YOU WILL REMAIN HERE FOR ALL ETERNITY TO RELIVE THE FUTURE THAT YOU SO GREATLY DESIRE!

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YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE **TRAPPED** IN A WORLD OF SUFFERING!

HEATHERFIELD...

RING RING RING

HI, MATT! WHAT'S UP?

WHERE'S WILL?

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I KNOW?

DON'T PLAY GAMES. I KNOW ABOUT HER OTHER LIFE!

YOU HAD A DATE BUT SHE DIDN'T SHOW UP AND SHE'S NOT ANSWERING HER CELL PHONE?

I TOLD HER MOM SHE WAS STUDYING AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE AND...

...I WANT TO KNOW HOW BIG MY LIE WAS! I WANT TO KNOW WHAT SHE'S DOING AND IF I CAN HELP HER!

OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH!

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COME ON IN!

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YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING. WILL'S BUSY WITH HER OTHER LIFE, AS YOU CALL IT.

I KNEW IT...

LATELY, SHE AND THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN USING THIS PENDANT SO THAT NO ONE WILL NOTICE THEY'RE GONE...

ONLY THIS TIME IT DIDN'T WORK.

CAN WE DO ANYTHING FOR HER?

ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT.

IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN STAY HERE UNTIL SHE GETS BACK.

ARE YOU SURE SHE'S COMING BACK?

YES, I'M SURE!

MAN, SHE MUST BE BATTLING SOME HORRIBLE CREATURE FROM SOME BIZARRE OTHER WORLD RIGHT NOW...

WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WILL BE ANY CONSOLATION, BUT...

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...I WASN'T BORN ON EARTH EITHER, AND I'M NOT A MONSTER... AT LEAST, I DON'T THINK SO.

!

MY REAL NAME IS ORUBE. I COME FROM BASILIADE, ONE OF THOSE BIZARRE OTHER WORLDS!

UM, NICE TO MEET YOU!

LISTEN... I DON'T WANT TO BE THE **HERO**, BUT WHAT IF WE CAME UP WITH A COVER FOR TARA, IRMA, CORNY, AND HAY, TOO?

I'D SAY WILL REALLY KNOWS HOW TO PICK HER PALS.

HEY, PETER! I JUST HEARD FROM WILL! SHE AND TARANEE ARE STUDYING TOGETHER. THEY ASKED ME TELL...

HELLO, MRS. LAIR. THIS IS REBECCA...

MEANWHILE, IN THE TOWER OF MISTS, A NEW DOOR IS OPENED...

AND WITH IT COMES THE HOPE THAT EVERYTHING CAN RETURN TO HOW IT SHOULD BE.

HIMERISH HAS FOUND PHOBOS'S BODY, IN WHICH ENDARNO'S SPIRIT IS TRAPPED...

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...HE'LL NEED TO USE ALL OF HIS POWERS TO HELP HIS FRIEND!

BUT HOW MUCH POWER DOES SUCH A DIFFICULT TASK REQUIRE?

IT'S TOO LATE, MY FRIEND!

"TOO LATE!"

WILL'S STRENGTH IS ALSO BEING TESTED TO THE CORE...

I WANT TO GO BACK TO LIVING THE LIFE OF A **NORMAL** BOY, WITH A **NORMAL** GIRLFRIEND!

BUT YOU USED TO SAY I WAS **SPECIAL**...

EXACTLY. I **USED TO**. BUT I'M FED UP WITH BATTLES AND WORLDS TO SAVE... I **WANT MY LIFE BACK!**

IS THIS WILL'S DESTINY?

ENOUGH!

AT LAST!

I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE...

YOU'VE FINALLY HAD ENOUGH, GUARDIAN?

SHATZ

AAAAH!

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MMF...

YOU CAN BRING AN END TO ALL OF THIS, IF YOU WISH!

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THE ANSWER IS RIGHT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.

HEART OF KANDRAKAR...

IT WAS YOUR ONLY ALTERNATIVE!

NOW NO ONE CAN STOP ME!

I'M A GUARDIAN!

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I CONJURED UP THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR.

BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING IT UP!

SWAAAM

AAAAAH! GIVE ME THE HEART OR IT WILL DESTROY US BOTH!!!

OR PERHAPS ONLY ONE OF US!

I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE! NOTHING!

THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR. ONLY ITS KEEPER CAN DECIDE TO GIVE IT AWAY.

AAAH!

PREPARED FOR THE WORST, WILL HAS MADE HER DECISION.

NOW THE PRECIOUS OBJECT BURSTS OUT, ITS POWER OVERCOMING BOTH HER AND PHOBOS.

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AAAH!

NOOO!

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ENDLESS MOMENTS OF SUFFERING ULTIMATELY FIND KANDRAKAR AT THE CEREMONY.

THE TIME HAS COME.

THE CONGREGATION AWAITS ITS NEW ORACLE! MAY ENDARNO ENTER!

STOP! INTERRUPT THE CEREMONY!

WHO DARES...

I AM THE REAL ENDARNO OF BASILIADE, AND I CANNOT ACCEPT THIS ROLE!

THE MAN YOU'VE BEEN CALLING BY MY NAME IS SIMPLY A PRISONER WHO TOOK ON MY APPEARANCE.

IT CAN'T BE!

IT'S THE TRUTH! ALL THIS TIME I'VE BEEN LANGUISHING IN THE TOWER OF MISTS, TRAPPED IN THE BODY OF ANOTHER!

IN THE BODY OF PHOBOS, THE TYRANT WHO USED LIES TO CLOUD YOUR REASONING!

HOW COULD WE EVER HAVE COME TO THIS?

HOW COULD WE HAVE BEEN SO BLIND?

PHOBOS WOULD HAVE BECOME THE NEW ORACLE AND HE WOULD HAVE DESTROYED THIS FORTRESS!

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BUT THE KEEPER OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR RISKED HER OWN LIFE TO UNMASK THE IMPOSTOR!

"HER STRENGTH DEFEATED HIM..."

MAY YOUR SPIRIT RETURN TO THE BODY IT BELONGS TO!

AAAAH!

"SHE BROKE THE SPELL WHICH THE TYRANT HAD CAST TO EXCHANGE OUR PERSONALITIES..."

NOOO!

"...PHOBOS WAS FORCED TO RETURN TO HIS OWN BODY..."

"...AND HE FOUND HIMSELF CONFRONTED BY HIMERISH."

NOOOO!

PHOBOS! IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU!

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THIS FORTRESS OWES EVERYTHING TO ITS GUARDIAN!

TO ITS FIVE GUARDIANS!

"IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THEM, KANDRAKAR WOULD'VE BEEN AN ACCOMPLICE TO A **HEINOUS CRIME!**"

SBAM!

GOT YOU!

IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THEM, TODAY WOULD'VE BEEN THE **END OF KANDRAKAR!**

WE'RE ALL GUILTY!

DO YOU THINK THAT'S THE REAL YAN LIN?

NOPE, GRANDMA'S FRIENDLIER!

SHAAAN

STOP!

WHAT THE...

AAAH!

IT'S CEDRIC, PHOBOS'S **SERVANT!** WITH THE **CROWN OF LIGHT!**

YOU'VE GOT THAT RIGHT, YOU WORM!

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AARGH...

AND I'LL USE ITS POWERS TO DESTROY THIS PLACE, IF ANYONE TRIES TO STOP ME!

WHO'S GOING TO BE THE FIRST TO CHALLENGE ME?

I WILL, CEDRIC!

REMEMBER THAT THE CROWN BELONGS TO ME!

THAT'S IT! SHOW HIM WHO HE'S UP AGAINST!

NOOO!

ATTA GIRL!

SHIZZ

THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN HAS FINALLY RETURNED TO **SHINE!**

SO WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT CEDRIC NOW?

AAAH!

HE'S DISAPPEARED, BUT DON'T WORRY! WE'LL FIND HIM!

IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS... IT CAN'T...

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LET ME GO!

AAARGH!

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HEY! NOW THAT'S GOING TOO FAR!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!

LET ME GET MY HANDS ON HIM AND I'LL MAKE HIM PAY FOR EVERYTHING HE'S DONE!

I WON'T LET HIM ESCAPE AGAIN...

WAIT! HAVE FAITH IN THE GIRLS!

THEY, MORE THAN ANY OF US, SHOULD BE THE ONES TO DEAL WITH HIM!

WILL, HOW ARE YOU?

I'M TIRED... AND I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE FRIGHTENED IN MY WHOLE LIFE!

WHY? EVEN IF PHOBOS MANAGED TO ESCAPE, HE'S BEEN DEFEATED! AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU!

PHOBOS SHOWED ME WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO ME IF HE LOST!

AND IT WAS HORRIBLE!

"MY GREATNESS CAN BEAR NO CHAINS."

"I LIVE TO REIGN AND NOTHING LESS!"

THERE HE IS!

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NEVER AGAIN WILL SOMEONE LOCK ME UP IN THAT TOWER!

PHOBOS, STOP!

NOOOOO!

I'M TRAPPED!

HE! HE! IT'S THE END OF THE LINE FOR YOU!

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE!

THE CENTER OF INFINITY.

GIVE IT UP, PHOBOS! SURRENDER!

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IF I CAN'T HAVE KANDRAKAR...

SUCH FOUL WORDS WHEN SPOKEN BY A LITTLE GIRL!

THEN KANDRAKAR WON'T HAVE ME!

"I'VE MADE UP MY MIND."

AAAH!

"I WILL FALL INTO NOTHINGNESS FOR ALL ETERNITY."

"BUT NEVER AGAIN WILL SOMEONE IMPRISON ME."

"NEVER AGAIN!"

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TELL ME HE DIDN'T REALLY DO THAT!

WHAT? JUMP INTO AN ENDLESS VOID, CONDEMNING HIMSELF TO **TUMBLE THROUGH NOTHINGNESS** FOR CENTURIES ON END?

HE DID IT!

IRMA...

HOW WILL WE TELL ELYON?

AFTER ALL, HE WAS HER BROTHER...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME ANYTHING...

WE COULDN'T STOP HIM! WE DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO...

I DIDN'T LOSE MY BROTHER TODAY. I LOST HIM A LONG TIME AGO!

BUT NOW I HAVE **FIVE SISTERS!**

"AND THEY'RE MORE PRECIOUS TO ME THAN ANYTHING ELSE!"

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A NEW LIGHT SHINES ON THE FORTRESS.

MANY DESTINIES HAVE BEEN MET ON THIS DAY!

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KANDRAKAR MUST REFLECT ON ITS ERRORS AT LENGTH AND DWELL ON THE **ROLE** THAT AN ORACLE MUST HAVE...

BUT TODAY, THE COUNCIL WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS GRATITUDE TO THE GUARDIANS! ALL OF THE ELDERS WHO DOUBTED YOU NOW ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS.

WOW! IT'S MOMENTS LIKE THIS THAT ARE WORTH WRITING DOWN IN YOUR DIARY!

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"IT'S TIME FOR EACH OF US TO RETURN TO FOLLOWING OUR OWN PATHS. ELYON IN MERIDIAN..."

"...AND THE GUARDIANS IN HEATHERFIELD!"

WHY DID YOU WANT TO SEE US ALONE?

WILL, CORNELIA TOLD ME THAT PHOBOS SHOWED YOU THINGS THAT HURT YOU.

BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW SOMETHING.

NO ONE, NOT EVEN AN ORACLE, CAN FORESEE THE FUTURE... BUT AN EVIL CREATURE CAN PERCEIVE OUR DEEPEST FEARS AND MAKE THEM SEEM REAL!

SNIFF...

TUMP

TH-THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, WILL!

"THE RETURN..."

WILL!

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YOU'RE BACK, AT LAST!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'VE NEVER MISSED YOU SO MUCH!

SAME HERE!

LET'S GIVE THE **LOVEBIRDS** A LITTLE PRIVACY!

TELL ME EVERYTHING!

THE BAD GUYS LOST AND WE WON, JUST LIKE IT SHOULD'VE BEEN!

AM I CRAZY, OR IS IT ALREADY DARK OUTSIDE?

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

THE HOURGLASS HAD A LITTLE PROBLEM.

MAMMA MIA!

YOU SAID IT! MY MOM MUST BE TOTALLY WORRIED... AND FURIOUS!

YOU'D BE RIGHT... IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND! HE CAME UP WITH THE **PERFECT ALIBI** FOR ALL OF YOU!

REBECCA AND I... UM... I MEAN, **ORUBE** AND I TOLD EVERYONE YOU'D BE COMING BACK **LATE** FROM A **LONG** AFTERNOON OF STUDYING!

DEEEEAR MATT! HAVE I EVER TOLD YOU HOW HAPPY I AM THAT YOU'RE WILL'S BOYFRIEND?

YOU GOT US OUT OF SOME SERIOUS TROUBLE!

BRRR! FORGET THE WRATH OF PHOBOS... YOU'VE NEVER SEEN **THE WRATH OF PAPA LAIR!**

THANK YOU!!!

SMAK

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OKAY, NOW... LET'S NOT GET CARRIED AWAY HERE!

OH, WILL! UM, DON'T MIND US...

NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE, YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU MADE WILL SUFFER!

LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOTTEN MYSELF INTO A REALLY **TIGHT SPOT!**

NEXT TIME, LET'S NOT WAIT FOR THE END OF THE WORLD TO REMEMBER HOW MUCH WE LOVE EACH OTHER!

I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE!

NO MORE SECRETS?

PROMISE!

AM I INTERRUPTING?

DO YOU WANT AN HONEST ANSWER TO THAT?

HA! HA! HA!

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AT TIMES, ALL IT TAKES IS A HUG TO WIPE AWAY ALL THE BAD MEMORIES.

AND THIS IS MATT AND WILL'S FIRST CAREFREE EMBRACE. THE FIRST ONE SHE CAN REALLY SHARE WITH HER FRIENDS.

TODAY, SOMETHING HAS CHANGED, AND WILL CAN FEEL IT...

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THIS IS A **WONDERFUL NEW BEGINNING!**

End of Episode.